

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION  
BY THE  
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Geography has played a defining role in the settlement, history, and cultural heritage of the State of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, The management, use, and exchange of geographic information are essential for effective decision making by local, state, and federal governments; and

WHEREAS, All levels of Kansas government are constantly striving to perform more efficiently with fewer resources; and

WHEREAS, Accurate mapping and timely sharing of information greatly enhances government's ability to provide services to citizens; and

WHEREAS, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) are a proven method for presenting and sharing information and have the potential to eliminate redundant collection and analysis of data, thereby saving tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, Significant progress has been made by the Kansas GIS Policy Board and the Kansas Data Access and Support Center toward coordinating and improving the use of GIS in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Continued coordination and improvement in the use of Geographic Information Systems by local, state, and federal governments is necessary:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK PARKINSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim November 18, 2009, as

*Geographic Information Systems Awareness Day 2009*

in Kansas, and urge all citizens to recognize the contribution of Geographic Information Systems in saving tax dollars, the initiatives of the Kansas Geographic Information Systems Policy Board, and the activities of the Kansas Data Access and Support Center in coordinating the further development of GIS technologies in Kansas government.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka  
under the Great Seal of the  
State this 9<sup>th</sup> day of  
November, A.D. 2009

BY THE GOVERNOR:



*Mark Parkinson*  
*Ken Turley*  
Secretary of State

*Janet Chubb*  
Assistant Secretary of State